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SUBJECT: US-USSR COOPERATION: TIMING OF JOINT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

REF: A) STATE 239321 (PARA 8);
B) MATLOCK JAN. 9 LETTER TO ARMITAGE;
C) GANLEY JAN. 15 LETTER TO LOEBNER;
D) AYKAZYAN JANUARY LETTER TO GANLEY;
E) STOESSEL JAN. 14 LETTER TO STEVER
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1. SOVIET EMBASSY PROVIDED DEPARTMENT WITH CALENDAR SHOWING FOLLOWING TIMING FOR JOINT COMMISSION MEETINGS:

	PREFERABLE	ALTERNATIVE
AGREEMENT/LOCATION	MONTH	MONTH
S&T (MOSCOW)	OCT.	JULY
ENVIRONMENT (WASH.)	SEPT.	OCT.
HEALTH (WASH.)	OCT.	NOV.
AGRICULTURE (MOSCOW)	SEPT.	OCT.
TRANSPORTATION (MOSCOW)	NOV.	OCT.
OCEANS (MOSCOW)	JUNE	-
ATOMIC ENERGY (SAN FRANCISCO)	NOV.	-
ENERGY (MOSCOW)	JULY	JUNE
HOUSING (WASH.)	FEB.	-

2. AT JANUARY 28 MEETING OF US EXECUTIVE SECRETARIES ALL AGENCIES WERE PRESSED FOR MAXIMUM FLEXIBILITY. CONSISTENT WITH PROGRAM NEEDS, RESULTS FOLLOW:
S&T: JULY TOO EARLY TO PERMIT ADEQUATE SUBSTANTIVE DEVELOPMENTS. ANY TIME FROM OCTOBER THROUGH MID-DECEMBER SATISFACTORY. NOVEMBER SUGGESTED. IF AGREEABLE TO KIRILLIN WE MIGHT CONSIDER POSTPONING NEXT S&T JC MEETING TO FEB. OR MARCH 1976.
ENVIRONMENT: RETENTION OF ANNUAL SCHEDULING DESIRED. LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER SATISFACTORY. WANT TO AVOID CONFLICT WITH CCMS MEETINGS.

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DETAILS CAN BE WORKED OUT AT JUNE 9 MID-YEAR REVIEW IN MOSCOW. SEPTEMBER SUGGESTED.

HEALTH/HEART: FALL MEETING SHOULD NOT BE FURTHER POSTPONED BECAUSE THAT WOULD BE 16 MONTHS SINCE LAST MEETING IN JUNE 1974. EITHER OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER SATISFACTORY UNLESS CONFLICT WITH PAN AMERICAN HEALTH ORGANIZATION MEETING DEVELOPS. HEW PREFERS OCTOBER.

AGRICULTURE: EITHER SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER SATISFACTORY. SUGGEST SEPTEMBER.

TRANSPORTATION: SEPTEMBER, OCTOBER OR NOVEMBER SATISFACTORY. WOULD NOT BE READY BEFORE SEPTEMBER AND TOO MANY PROBLEMS (E.G. ICEBREAKERS) TO POSTPONE BEYOND NOVEMBER. SUGGEST SEPTEMBER. HAVING BOTH AGRICULTURE AND TRANSPORTATION IN SEPTEMBER IN MOSCOW PERHAPS TOLERABLE TO SOVIETS BECAUSE SCST NOT INVOLVED WITH AGRICULTURE.

OCEANS: US HAD PROPOSED APRIL BUT THIS WAS TOO EARLY FOR SOVIETS. MAY OR JUNE ALSO SATISFACTORY. HOPE IT WON'T SLIP BEYOND JUNE, BUT JULY POSSIBLE.

ATOMIC ENERGY: NOVEMBER IS FIXED BY TIMING OF AMERICAN NUCLEAR SOCIETY MEETING.

ENERGY: EITHER JUNE OR JULY SATISFACTORY; BUT SINCE TEMPORARY GROUPS OF EXPERTS MUST FIRST PREPARE RECOMMENDATIONS AND SOVIETS HAVE NOT YET INDICATED READINESS FOR EXPERTS TO MEET IN EARLY SPRING, JC MEETING IN AUTUMN APPEARS LIKELY.

HOUSING: TRANSFER OF SECRETARY LYNN TO OMB MAKES FEBRUARY MEETING IMPOSSIBLE. WILL PROBABLY HAVE TO SLIP UNTIL MAY.

SPACE: LOW/KELDYSH MEETING SET FOR MOSCOW IN MAY.

ACADEMIES: APRIL MEETING IN MOSCOW (MOSCOW 1028).

3. • BASED ON ABOVE, FALL SCHEDULE SEEMS TO BE SHAPING UP AS FOLLOWS:

(A) IN MOSCOW: AGRICULTURE AND TRANSPORTATION

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ENERGY IN OCTOBER;

(8) IN THE US; ENVIRONMENT IN SEPTEMBER, HEALTH
IN OCTOBER AND ATOMIC ENERGY IN NOVEMBER,

4. IT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE FOR SOME JC'S TO AGREE AT
1975 MEETING TO 16 MONTH INTERVAL TO BRING NEXT MEETINGS
INTO SPRING OF 1977, E.G. TRANSPORTATION, HEALTH, ATOMIC
ENERGY.

5. REQUEST EMBASSY SOLICIT SCST VIEWS. KISSINGER